

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for fastening a replaceable barrel onto a rifle, the system comprising:

a lock frame having an opening into which a barrel socket can be pushed into position and locked with a bolting device, wherein the bolting device comprises a barrel block stop provided within the lock frame, and a groove in the socket of the barrel into which groove the barrel block stop is inserted when the barrel is clamped into locked position, **[[and]]**

a screw is provided for clamping the socket of the barrel in the lock frame against the barrel block stop; and

on a side of the lock frame opposite the barrel block stop, the lock frame comprises a spring-loaded support plate, under which support plate, the screw is provided, and the screw is tightened from an underside of the gun for clamping the socket of the barrel in the lock frame upwardly against the barrel block stop.

2. (Previously presented) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein the barrel block stop is a separate tempered arcuate claw, which is fastened within the lock frame and whose arcuate portion settles in the groove in the barrel socket in locked position.

3. (Cancelled) .

4. (Previously presented) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein the opening in the lock frame has been shaped such that the barrel socket can be pushed into the lock frame at an angle to the assembled portion, with a flange portion of the groove in the barrel socket being allowed to pass by the block stop before the barrel is clamped into position.

5. (Previously presented) A fastening system as defined in claim 1, wherein an underside of the socket, which bears against a support plate, has a plane surface so that the barrel settles at a correct angle around its axis during installation and clamping.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A fastening system as defined in Claim 2, wherein the barrel lock stop defines one extent of a headspace in the barrel.

8. (Previously Presented) A fastening system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the barrel block stop is provided at the top of the lock frame.

9. (Previously Presented) A fastening system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the screw is provided for clamping the socket of the barrel in the lock frame upwardly against the barrel block stop.